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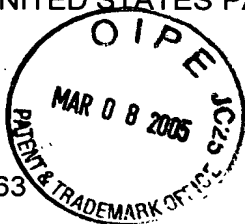
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TAKESHI IWASAKI, et al.

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Sir:

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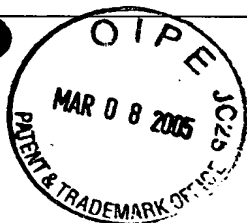
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The reference(s) were cited in a counterpart foreign application. An English language version of the foreign search report is attached for the Examiner's information. It is noted U.S. reference 5,942,342 and Japanese references 2003-36525 and 2002-25030 were previously submitted in a PTO-1449 to the United States Patent & Trademark Office on March 17, 2004.

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